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Mr. Black:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) contained in LSA Document 08-423. The proposed rule amends 410 IAC 15 concerning the authentication requirements for physician's orders in a hospital.

This rule impacts all hospitals that are licensed to provide acute care, of which the ISDH estimates to be 144. The proposed rule amends current hospital licensure rule and clarifies that a physician's verbal order in a hospital must be authenticated within 48 hours of its issuance or a repeat and verify process must be used and the verbal order must be authenticated by the physician no later than 30 days after the patients discharge. Of the estimated 144 licensed hospitals, the ISDH estimates that zero (0) meet the definition of small business as is defined by IC 4-22-2-28.

Since the proposed rule is not expected to affect any small businesses, it does not impose any direct cost or reporting costs on small businesses. The IEDC does not object to the fiscal impact associated with this proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

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